GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF PESTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any efforts towards eradication of pests in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra which destroy a sizable yield of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any of the States have been declared free from pest attack;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the production of crops in these States have made a considerable jump after eradication of these pests;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total financial allocations made for the control and eradication of various types of pests during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Both Central and State Government are making concerted efforts to minimizecrop loss due to pests attack by undertaking various plant protection measures in the country including Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. The Government of India is promoting Integrated Pest Management as the main strategy for control of pests and diseases inwhich eco-friendly approach is adopted by using bio-control agents and bio-pesticides. The Statewise efforts made to popularize Integrated Pest Management in the country is given in Annexure-I.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Does not arise.

(f): Financial allocations are being made by the Government of India/StateGovernments under the IPM component of the various Central/State Schemes.Year-wise and State-wise financial allocation made for IPM component under various schemesduring the last three years is given in the Annexure-II.